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Mother Earth Quite Uneasy

Mother Earth seems to have been very uneasy during the first days of this month. Washington and London observatories reported a great earthquake, perhaps still unlocated,—on September 2, and the cable this morning tells of a big eruption, accompanied by strong seismic disturbances, near the coast of Unalaska. Further details of this same eruption were brought by mail, from a report made at Seattle by the steamer Victoria. It is possible that this was the same earthquake as was recorded in Washington and London, though there is a difference of one day in the dates. The hour of the day is not given, however, in the dispatches telling of the seismic records in Washington and London or of the eruption of Mount Makushin, so that it is possible allowing for differences in time, that they were the same. A couple of days later the island of Hawaii had quite a shock and Mauna Loa did some smoking, while on the 31st of August, Vesuvius was reported unusually active.

It is an interesting fact that all these disturbances, with the exception of the minor ones in the neighborhood of Mauna Loa, occur in the limits of what Professor Omori calls the earthquake zone. It extends all along the Pacific coast of America, from Cape Horn to Alaska, then across the northern ocean to Japan, Formosa, the Himalayas and the Mediterranean. Hawaii is a couple of thousand miles from the zone, but has her own "independent phenomena," as Omori would call the Mauna Loa manifestations.

Dr. Taylor May Yet Run

The nomination of Ryan for mayor of San Francisco is perhaps a triumph of a practical politician over a man who wouldn't do politics. It looks like a piece of gross ingratitude, for Dr. Taylor was fairly dragged into the mayoralty by an emergency that called for some citizen of unimpeachable character and reputation, to take up the work of reform, and he has gone ahead with great independence. But when it came to a primary, Ryan was the man who won the election for the reformers, and it has been claimed all along that he could easily control the convention for himself if he decided to do so. There was a very emphatic demand, however, that he withdraw his name, and allow the Republicans to nominate Dr. Taylor, in which case the Democrats would have done likewise. The main trouble with this was probably the fact that Taylor is a Democrat. The reformed Republican party thinks it can win with a man of its own, and in Ryan all seem to agree that it has a clean candidate. There is a report, however, that Ryan planned to take the nomination just to prove his control and then withdraw in favor of Taylor. With the situation as it is, if the Democrats should nominate Taylor, such a move would not be a surprise. The two parties will probably try to combine on one man or the other, if there seems to be any danger of union labor voters running in another Schmitz. Langdon, the union labor district attorney, who like Folk in St. Louis after election suddenly proved to be a sort of freak white sheep on a grafters' ticket, has been nominated by the Republicans. It is said that the Democrats will endorse him. He was elected as union labor and has been both Republican and Democrat and now that he is both the latter, the union laborists can be depended on to fight him. It looks like a good reform programme to elect Ryan and Langdon but, there is, as stated, an appearance of great ingratitude towards Mr. Taylor.

Hearst On The Big Fleet

W. R. Hearst, who has just given out in New York a statement that he is not a candidate for President, has also come out with an interesting personal statement of views of the fleet movement. From a candidate for president, some of the remarks would not sound very moderate or diplomatic, for they are quite warlike. They will be popular on the Pacific coast at least and will help to back the administration in carrying out its programme, over which there is going to be a fight in Congress. An appropriation of a million dollars will have to be made early in December if the fleet is to come here. If Congress votes down the appropriation, the Pacific won't get the fleet. Hearst, who will yet probably be a candidate again, for denials of such candidacy don't amount to much, has the following to say about possible Japanese objections to the fleet movement: "The United States has no hostility to Japan. It has shown friendship in many ways. But Japan does entertain a hostility to the United States, and while this is a regrettable circumstance, it is nevertheless true, and should consequently be recognized and dealt with as a fact. There have been absolutely no disturbances on the Pacific Coast of the United States sufficient to justify the attitude taken by Japan toward this country. There have been no disturbances and no demonstrations against the Japanese in this country comparable to the demonstrations in Vancouver and British Columbia, but the Japanese accept the demonstrations on British territory meekly and without protest, while they magnify the importance of the isolated instances of hostile feeling that have been shown in California until they approach a casus belli.

"The United States does not want war with Japan, but it is conceivable, it is even probable, that Japan does want war with the United States. Japan has come to look upon war as a profitable enterprise. It has come out of every war with large increases of territory and large money indemnity. It finds in the United States (the richest and probably the most peaceful nation in the world today), an opportunity for profitable piracy. If this is the case, war can not be averted by cowardly concessions, but only by adequate preparation and by a calm but firm position that will express the complete confidence of our government and our people in the ultimate outcome of any contest with any foreign power.

"Let our own navy go to our own waters along our own coast on the Pacific without any objection from any foreign power or criticism

Tales Worth Telling

A LITTLE SERMON.
Bishop Thomas Bowman, on the recent celebration at Orange of his ninetieth birthday, spoke wisely of religious toleration.
"The older one grows," said the famous Methodist bishop, "the more one disregards the little, unimportant, useless things that separate one denomination from another. One fixes one's mind on the great things that bind all denominations together. And they who, neglecting the great things, neglecting charity and uprightness and honor, wrangle over small denominational differences, seem to an old man as absurd as the Taoist and the Shintoist."

"Perhaps you know the story. 'A Taoist—I think it was a Taoist—once fell down a well, and a Shintoist—or some such person—ran at full speed to his assistance."

"Oh, brother," cried the Shintoist, leaning over the well-edge, "be of good cheer. A ladder is at hand, and I shall have you out in a jiffy."

"The Taoist was paddling about in the dark down below, up to his chin in the icy water."

"No, no," he grunted, puffing painfully. "Fetch no ladder, brother. I'll climb no ladder today, for this is Tuesday, the day consecrated by all true believers to the Most High."

"Aghast, the Shintoist poured down prayers and arguments into the well, but prayers and arguments alike were of no avail with the devout Taoist. The other, obliged to leave the man to his fate, departed sadly, shaking his head at the sound of the grunts, puffs and splashes which ascended from the blackness far below."

"The next morning the Shintoist returned to the well. He peered over curiously. Yes, the Taoist was still there. The noise of his struggles still rose up."

"Ho, brother," shouted the Shintoist, "is all well with you below?"

"All is well," replied the Taoist, in a very weak voice, "but I pray you, brother, fetch that ladder at once."

"The Shintoist threw up his hands in shocked surprise."

"Fetch a ladder today!" he cried. "Heaven forbid! Don't you know that this is Wednesday, the Shintoist Sabbath?"

"So saying, the Shintoist departed, leaving the Taoist blowing and splashing in the well."

A TECHNICAL ONE.
"The late Angel Hellprin," said a Philadelphia scientist, "had a most learned and a most lucid mind. He could not merely master a question—he could lay it so clearly before you that you, in a short while, became master of it, too."

"Prof. Hellprin claimed that they who could not explain a subject perfectly did not know that subject perfectly. And he used to tell a story on this head."

"He said two commercial travelers, on the way from Reading to Philadelphia, once got into an argument over the action of the vacuum brake."

"It's the inflation of the tube that stops the train," said the first commercial traveler.

"Wrong, wrong!" shouted the second. "It's the output of the exhaustion."

"So they wrangled for an hour, and then, on the train's arrival in Philadelphia, they agreed to submit the matter for settlement to the engineer."

"The engineer, leaning condescendingly from the window of his cab, listened with an attentive front to the two travelers' statement of their argument. Then he smiled, shook his head, and said:

"Well, gents, you're both wrong about the workin' of the vacuum brake. Yet it's very simple and easy to understand. It works like this. When we want to stop the train, we just turn this here tap, and then we fill the pipe with vacuum."

HOW HE KNEW.
The Rev. D. L. Baas of Cairo, Ill., has of late attracted much attention through his observations on the kiss, which he has very vividly described as "a cloudburst of excessive passion and ecstasy."

Discussing the kiss with a reporter, Mr. Baas said:

"Of course it is not necessary for me to state that I have never personally experienced the terrible and baleful emotions which, in my discourses, I have attributed to kisses of a certain type."

"We can, you know, understand and appreciate a thing without personal contact with it. Why, only the other night at a dinner given by a wealthy friend of mine, as a box of cigars was passed about, the host said:

"I don't smoke, myself, but you will find these cigars excellent, gentlemen. My valet steals more of them than of any brand I ever had."

MORE WORK FOR MULDOON.
It would not be surprising to hear that President James T. Harahan of the Illinois Central railroad had gone into training quarters under the direction of Mr. Muldoon at White Plains, N. Y.—Louisville Herald.

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